

**JUNE 22, 2010 MINUTES
REGULAR WHEATLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WHEATLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 101 C STREET,
WHEATLAND, CA
6:00 – 6:55 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Coe, E. Elphick, *L. McIntosh, J. Pendergraph, R. West

*L. McIntosh arrived at 6:25 p.m.

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: S. Wright, City Manager
R. Miller, Administrative Services Director
T. Raney, Community Development Director
M. McCrary, Police Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council member Jay Pendergraph led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Council member J. Pendergraph, seconded by D. Coe to **approve minutes from the special meeting on June 9, 2010 and Proclamation declaring the month of July 2010 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Wheatland.** Vote called – AYES: Pendergraph, Coe, Elphick and West. ABSENT: McIntosh. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) S. Wright presented discussion the annual Engineer's Report which was established for the Wheatland-Premier Grove Landscaping and Lighting District prepared by SCI Consulting Group on behalf of the City. This report was originally presented to the Council and released for public review on May 11, 2010. Each year the City Council must re-establish the appropriate assessments for the services provided to these areas and this year the report reflects a 2.610% CPI increase to the assessments. The proposed resolution generally describes the services to be provided through these assessments and sets the new assessment rate.

Public Comment

Jared Wickliff commented on the assessment and suggested elimination of the Wheatland-Premier Grove L&L District and make it a budget item City wide, replace the district boundaries to include all properties that benefit from the district, eliminate the scope of the district or make Wheatland Ranch and the Park Place-Premier Grove separate districts. Wickliff also commented on the constitutional validity of the assessment.

William Harrison commented on vandalism in the parks.

It was moved by Council member D. Coe, seconded by R. West to approve **Resolution No. 10-10 Confirming Engineer's Report, Diagram, Annual Assessment, and Directing Auditor of Yuba County to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal year 2010-11 in the Wheatland-Premier Grove Landscaping and Lighting District.** Vote called – AYES: Coe, West, Elphick and Pendergraph. ABSENT: McIntosh. Motion carried.

REGULAR CALENDAR

1) R. Miller presented discussion of the Annual Operating Budget for 2010-11. Miller explained that items and programs recommended by Council and staff at the Council/Staff retreat of May 8, 2010 and items discussed at the Council budget workshop of June 16, 2010 have been incorporated in this budget being submitted for approval. This is a very basic operating budget which provides only the minimum operations to maintain necessary services to the citizens of the community. This budget assumes that the State of California will not take any additional funding sources away from local agencies. It relies on the obtaining of a COPS Grant to maintain the current level of public safety services for the community. If the City does not receive the grant, the General Fund reserve will be further reduced by approximately \$50,000.

It was moved by Council member J. Pendergraph, seconded by R. West to **adopt Resolution No. 11-10 Adopting the Annual Budget, Control Policies and Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2010/2011.** Vote called – AYES: All. Motion carried.

2) T. Raney presented discussion of the Wheatland Community Garden. Raney explained that in 2008, the Wheatland City Council approved the Wheatland Community Vision, which provided a series of principles intended to guide the future of the city. These principles included direction on maintaining and enhancing the quality of life of the Wheatland residents while also retaining its long-standing connection to agriculture. The Vision identified the use of community gardens as an opportunity to incorporate urban agriculture into Wheatland's parks and open space. Community gardens have also been recognized to provide benefits such as: encourage a sense of community, bringing families and neighbors together to paint and harvest their own food; Community members have a chance to socialize, spend time outdoors, and invest time in community and neighborhood; help residents save money on produce; City parkland becomes more accessible and used by the community, and parks can become safe due to more regular activity in them. An opportunity to provide the Wheatland residents with a community garden has been identified by city staff. The Wheatland Community Garden has been proposed to be located in the city-owned parkland connecting Park Place Park and Toddler Park. This parkway currently includes a drainage swale and a line of oak trees; however, the southeast corner of the parkway has a significant open area that would be suitable for a community garden. A preliminary layout of the garden has been prepared. The plan assumes a total garden size of 50 feet by 150 feet, although the parkway has enough land to increase length of the garden by an additional 150 feet. The garden has been designed to have up to 24 total planters; 20 are sized at 12 feet by 4 feet and four are U-shaped for handicap access. The city would provide water to the community garden through a connection to the Park Place Park irrigation system. Raised water spigots with hoses would be provided near the planters. The perimeter of the garden would be secured with a decorative fence with a key-code lock. The Community Garden would also include a gathering area with picnic tables and benches, work tables, and a shed. With city council support and direction, an overall Wheatland Community Garden Program will be developed addressing the funding, construction, and long term operation of the garden. The program is expected to specifically provide information related to: a budget and schedule to complete the community garden; a marketing and financing plan intended to obtain the entire cost of the construction through sponsors, donations, and

grants; a detailed site plan including design plans for the benches and shed; an outreach program to encourage participation from the local residents; a set of bylaws intended to create a community association to manage and operate the facility; an appropriate fee program for those using the garden such that the planters can be leased out to members of the community for a nominal annual fee plus a cleaning deposit; a set of governing rules providing standards for types of allowable plants, maintenance of planters (including weeding), use of chemicals, and hours of operation and access. Staff is requesting direction and support for city staff to begin preparing the Wheatland Community Garden Program. Once the program is completed, sponsors and donors will be sought to contribute toward money and materials for the construction effort.

REPORTS

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Elphick adjourned the meeting 6:55 p.m.

Minutes approve and adopted this 13th day of July, 2010.

Enita Elphick, *Mayor*

Lisa J. Thomason, *City Clerk*